

disposed between each two friction plates arranged adjacent to each other have been coated at mutually-opposing surfaces thereof.

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5. (Amended) A wet multiplate clutch according to claim 7, wherein each two mutually-adjacent ones of said plural groove-free separator plates disposed between each two friction plates arranged adjacent to each other have been machined at mutually-opposing surfaces thereof.

6. (Amended) A wet multiplate clutch according to claim 7, wherein said groove-free separator plates have a thickness of from 0.5 to 1.52 mm per plate.

Please add the following new claim:

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7. (New) A wet multiplate clutch comprising plural friction plates and plural separator plates that are alternately arranged with the plural friction plates, wherein said separator plates are groove-free separator plates, and wherein between each two friction plates arranged adjacent to each other, at least two of the plural groove-free separator plates are disposed separably from each other.

(Applicant's Remarks are set forth hereinbelow, starting on the following page.)